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Forest Service Announces Availability of Christmas Tree Permits For the White River National Forest

Glenwood Springs, CO (Friday, November 16, 2012) – Personal use Christmas tree tags will be available from all offices of the White River National Forest starting **Monday, November 19, 2012**.

Christmas tree cutting is allowed in most areas on the White River National Forest with the following exceptions: wilderness areas, commercial timber sales, recreation and ski areas, administrative areas, and Glenwood Canyon. Trees may not be cut within 100 feet of any road. Maps showing where Christmas tree cutting is allowed are available at all offices where permits are sold. District specific tree cutting information is below.

Permits cost \$10.00 each and may be purchased with cash, check, or money order. Trees must be less than 15 feet tall from the stump with a maximum of five trees per individual. Trees are for personal use only and cannot be resold. The tags must be attached to the tree prior to cutting and must be left on the tree until it arrives at its final destination. Permits expire December 31, 2012.

ASPEN AND SOPRIS RANGER DISTRICTS

Permits **will be available beginning Monday, November 19** at the Aspen Ranger Station located at 806 West Hallam Street in Aspen, and Sopris Ranger Station located at 620 Main Street in Carbondale. In both cases permits may be purchased Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm. Call 970-925-3445 or 970-963-2266 for additional information.

BLANCO RANGER DISTRICT

The Blanco Ranger Station is located at 220 East Market Street in Meeker. **Beginning on Monday, November 19**, permits will be available at this location Monday through Friday from 7:45am and 4:30pm. Call 970-878-4039 for additional information.

DILLON RANGER DISTRICT

Permits **will be available beginning Monday, November 19** at the Dillon Ranger District office, 680 Blue River Parkway in Silverthorne. The Dillon Ranger Station will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm. The designated cutting area is the Lake Hill area which is located between I-70 and the Dillon Dam Road. Christmas tree cutting will also be allowed on the other side of the Dam Road towards Dillon Reservoir north east of Heaton Bay

Campground. Parking is available at the Old Dillon Reservoir trailhead. No parking is allowed along I-70. Only lodgepole pine trees can be cut.

The Lake Hill area was logged last summer and the dead trees removed. The remaining trees are a result of the mountain pine beetle outbreak in the 1980's. However, they are infected with dwarf mistletoe which is a parasitic plant. Removing these trees as Christmas trees will reduce the amount of mistletoe in the seedlings that regenerate as a result of the most recent logging.

EAGLE/HOLY CROSS RANGER DISTRICTS

Permits **will be available beginning Monday, November 19** at both the Eagle Ranger Station, 125 W. 5th Street in Eagle, or at the Holy Cross Ranger Station, 24747 US Highway 24 in Minturn. Permits may be purchased Mondays **and** Fridays from 8:00am to 4:30pm at the Eagle office location. Permits may also be purchased at the Minturn office location Monday **thru** Friday from 8:00am to 12:30pm and 1:30pm to 4:30pm. The Minturn office will also be open Saturday Dec. 1, and Dec. 8 from 9:00am to 1:00pm. For additional information, please contact the Eagle Ranger District at (970) 328-6388 or the Holy Cross Ranger District at (970) 827-5715.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS

Christmas tree permits will be available **beginning Monday, November 19** at the White River Forest Supervisor's Office, located at 900 Grand Avenue Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Call 970-945-2521 for additional information.

RIFLE RANGER DISTRICT

The Rifle Ranger Station is located at 0094 County Road 244 in Rifle. **Beginning on Monday, November 19**, permits will be available at this location Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm. Call 970-625-2371 for additional information.

All Forest Service offices will be closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

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